

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (withdrawn) A method for producing a vaccine containing an immunogenic determinant, comprising the steps of:
 - a) exposing extra-cellular pathogenic organisms to stress-inducing stimuli which would induce the production of stress protein/antigenic peptide fragment complexes;
 - b) extracting the endogenous stress-induced products from the treated cells; and
 - c) using the extracted products as the immunogenic determinant in the preparation of the vaccine composition.
2. (withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the active ingredient of the immunogenic determinant predominantly comprises one or more shock protein/antigenic peptide fragment complexes.
3. (withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the stress-inducing stimulus is heat.
4. (withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the pathogenic organism is heated to from 5 to 8°C above the normal temperature for cultivation of the organism.
5. (withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pathogenic organism is an extra-cellular prokaryotic or protozoan species.
6. (withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pathogenic organism is a bacterial, protozoal or fungal species.

7. (withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the immunogenic determinant is a mixture of heat shock protein/antigenic peptide fragment complexes.
8. (withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extra-cellular pathogenic organism has been modified to induce or enhance the induction of the synthesis of stress proteins.
9. (withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the method is carried out in vitro.
10. (currently amended) A vaccine composition comprising one or more complexes between a heat shock protein and an antigenic peptide fragment wherein said complex or complexes are obtained from the heat treatment of a pathogenic bacteria ~~organism selected from the group consisting of bacteria, protozoa and fungi~~.
11. (currently amended) A vaccine composition produced by the method comprising the steps of:
 - exposing a pathogenic bacteria ~~organism selected from the group consisting of bacteria, protozoa and fungi~~ to heat shock which results in the production of heat shock protein/antigenic peptide fragment complexes by said bacteria ~~organism~~;
 - extracting the complexes from said bacteria ~~organism~~ to provide a vaccine composition comprising said extracted complexes.
12. (previously presented) The vaccine composition as claimed in claim 10, wherein the composition comprises an adjuvant for the one or more complexes.
13. (previously presented) The vaccine composition as claimed in claim 10, which is an aqueous composition wherein the composition comprises an aqueous carrier.

14. (currently amended) A method for vaccinating an animal against infection by a pathogenic bacteria organism selected from the group consisting of bacteria, protozoa and fungi comprising administering a pharmaceutically acceptable quantity of a vaccine composition as claimed in claim 10 sufficient to elicit an immune response in the animal to said pathogenic bacteria organism.

15. (withdrawn) A method for eliciting an immune response from an animal to infection by an intra-cellular pathogenic organism the method comprising:

administering a vaccine containing an immunogenic determinant, the immunogenic determinant being a stress protein/antigenic peptide fragment complex produced in situ from the intra-cellular pathogen, the synthesis of the complex being induced by external stress stimuli or by genetic modification of the pathogen so as to render its synthesis constitutive.

16. (canceled).

17. (currently amended) The vaccine composition according to claim 10 11, wherein said complexes are obtained by exposing the pathogenic bacteria to heat shock.

18. (canceled).